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SUBJECT: INTER AMERICAN FOUNDATION

1. COSTA RICAN FIRST VICE PRESIDENT CARLOS MANUEL CASTILLO MADE PUBLIC REFERENCE TO US SUPPORT OF LEFTIST WEEKLY PUEBLO DURING QUESTION/ANSWER PORTION OF SPEECH AT COSTA RICAN PRESS CLUB ON OCTOBER 16. IN ADDRESSING QUESTION ON LEFTISTS INROADS IN LOCAL UNIVERSITIES, CASTILLO REFERRED TO INFLUENTIAL MINORITY GROUPS SUCH AS THOSE WHO PUBLISH PUEBLO "WHICH EMBASSY OFFICER JOHN MAISTO SUPPORTS" (MAISTO AND TWO OTHER EMBOFFS WERE PRESENT FOR LECTURE).

2. CASTILLO REITERATED REMARKS TO EMBOFFS AT END OF LECTURE; HE GOOD NATUREDLY POOH-POOHED EMBOFF'S EXPLANATIONS ABOUT WHAT INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION IS, HOW IT FUNCTIONS, AND HOW IT IS FINANCED.

3. COMMENT: CASTILLO'S PUBLIC REMARK CAME SO RAPIDLY, AND WAS MADE SO CRYPTICALLY, THAT EMBOFFS DOUBT THAT ANYONE ELSE IN AUDIENCE KNEW WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT. (EMBOFFS HAD TO ASK VICE PRESIDENT AFTER LECTURE EXACTLY WHAT HE SAID AS EVEN THE OFFICERS OF THE PRESS CLUB SITTING AT HEAD TABLE WITH CASTILLO DID NOT COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND.) NEVERTHELESS, CASTILLO'S REMARK IS YET ANOTHER INDICATION OF GOCR SENSITIVITY ON IAF-PUEBLO ISSUE, AND IT COMES ON THE HEELS OF AN INQUIRY IN THE SAME VEIN MADE RECENTLY BY ONE OF PRESIDENT ODUBER'S KEY POLITICAL ADVISERS TO EMBOFF. EMBASSY'S BET IS

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